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LawLINK at the Prince George Courthouse

Prince George, BC – The Legal Services Society (LSS) is launching its LawLINK service at the Prince George Law Courts on Thursday, February 23 from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

A public access computer in the courthouse features the society's LawLINK website (www.LawLINK.bc.ca), which links to legal information on a variety of topics, including Aboriginal, consumer and debt, employment, family, criminal, pension, tenants' rights, welfare, wills, estates, probate, and workers' compensation issues.

The service also provides a direct telephone connection to the society's LawLINE so clients using LawLINK can contact a lawyer or paralegal for up to three hours of legal advice.

During the launch, there will be a short demonstration of the LawLINK site and its contents. Members of the public can meet Prince George Managing Lawyer Debby O'Leary and Legal Information Outreach Worker (LIOW) Shelley Robertson, and learn more about legal aid services — including family and criminal duty counsel, also available at the courthouse.

Date: Thursday, February 23 **Time**: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Prince George Law Courts
250 George Street
(LawLINK is located in the foyer across from the registry counter)

"This is a great location for LawLINK," said O'Leary. "The computer is visible and easy to find – but people using it still have privacy, because it's away from the busiest sections of the courthouse."

LSS provides free public access computers and printers for people to use to find legal information and self-help resources on the Internet. At the LSS Prince George Regional Centre and the Prince George Law Courts locations, LIOW Shelley Robertson is available by appointment to help people use the computers to find information about their legal questions.

Initiatives such as the LawLINK and LIOWs, and the LawLINE advice services, are made possible with grants from the Law Foundation, the Notary Foundation, and the federal Legal Aid Renewal Fund, as well as funding from the provincial government.

For further information, please see the attached backgrounder and/or contact:

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LSS is an independent, non-profit organization that has provided legal aid to people with low incomes in BC since 1979.

Legal representation is available for serious family issues (e.g., involving child apprehension matters or domestic violence) and serious criminal problems. It is also available for some immigration, mental health law, and prison law matters.

Legal advice is available at most courts through duty counsel and by telephone through LawLINE and the Brydges Line (both are province-wide toll-free lines).

Legal information is available through LawLINE, plain language publications, and Internet services, including the Electronic Law Library, the Family Law in British Columbia, the LSS, and the LawLINK websites. (See www.lss.bc.ca for most of our publications, our catalogue, and website links.)

*To contact the **LSS Call Centre and LawLINE**, dial: (604) 408-2172 (Lower Mainland) or 1-866-577-2525 (toll free from outside the Lower Mainland).*

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